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9th Street closure extended for General Assembly Building tunnel construction

~ 9th Street between Grace and Broad streets will be closed to traffic through July 15 ~

Richmond, VA – The Department of General Services' contractor for the General Assembly Building construction project will extend the closure of 9th Street between Grace and Broad streets for an additional two weeks to allow more time for excavation of a pedestrian tunnel as part of the project. The City of Richmond today approved the request for the extended lane closure.

Work began on the pedestrian tunnel on May 28 and was expected to be complete by the end of June. DGS now expects the project to be complete by July 15.

During the closures, all lanes of 9th Street between Grace and Broad streets are closed to traffic. A pedestrian walkway will remain accessible. The closure includes the following changes to nearby streets:

- All northbound traffic on Ninth Street will be redirected west at Grace Street.
- The eastbound lanes of Grace Street will end at 8th Street; northbound traffic should use 7th Street and southbound traffic will be diverted on 8th Street.
- No public street parking will be allowed from 8th to 9th streets on Grace Street.

DGS will continue working with the City of Richmond to mitigate any traffic impacts. Drivers and pedestrians should use caution and observe any traffic control signage.

When complete, the pedestrian tunnel will connect the new General Assembly Building and a new parking garage that will be built at the corner of 9th and Broad streets.

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